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The President's Column

If you were to walk along the highway from Jerusalem to Bethlehem this Christmas season, you would see evidences of the Roman road which Joseph and Mary trod nearly 2,000 years ago. You would see many things similar to those they saw; camel and donkey caravans, olive trees, the same hills, the enchanting distances, sheep.

You would also see misery, abject misery. There would be miserable, homeless native Palestinians displaced by the ravages of war. There would be women great with child, homeless women, hungry, unprotected by the arms of Rome as were travellers at the time of Jesus' birth.

How easy it is to criticize the inn keeper who turned away Joseph and Mary long ago. But are we providing shelter for the homeless, innocent, ignorant victims of Palestine's perennial tragedy of war?

Let's not let the tinsel and glitter of commercialized Christmas in 1948 obscure the dark tragedy of this same year. Likewise, let us not regard this suffering and misery as lacking a cure. The God who sent to us His Son has spoken in terms of hope, of love, of promise. Let's consecrate ourselves more ardently to proclaiming the only Good News the world now has so that wars shall cease, hunger be satisfied and the self-inflicted hurts of mankind be healed.

N. C. C. Students

During the fall term the number of students enrolled from various states has been as follows:

Alaska	1
California	33
Colorado	1
Idaho	43
Indiana	3
Michigan	2
Minnesota	1
Montana	11
Nebraska	3
Nevada	1
Oklahoma	2
Oregon	155
Utah	3
Washington	68
Wyoming	3

Sixty-eight congregations of Oregon are represented in N.C.C. student body. With 33 students at N.C.C. Kern Park, Portland, has the largest number of students from any one congregation.

Why Not?

Last January we called attention to the fact that, on the average, the cost of maintaining instruction for each student at N.C.C. is \$275 per year now. The student pays about \$130 of this; miscellaneous sources take care of \$5; the other \$140 must come from gifts by churches and individuals.

Dayton, Washington, sent a young man to N.C.C. this year. The church there proposes to take care of the instruction costs for him by paying his tuition and contributing to N.C.C. a sum equal to the other instruction costs indicated. This seems to us to be a wise idea and we thank the Dayton, Washington, pastor for suggesting and carrying out the idea.

Some congregations have not sent students. Others have sent considerable numbers. But all can share in the cost of education. How about adopting an N.C.C. student this year: Cost—\$275 as indicated above.

Recruits

In the Crusade program the recruiting young men and women for the ministry, mission field, etc. has led in all suggested fields of emphasis. The Northwest has passed its goal but is still going on. We must far exceed our goal because we need more churches, more preachers. But thus far congratulations on a job well done. Now let's go after those prospective Christians, prospective Bible School pupils, local church leaders. Let's build Christian homes.

Winter Term

The winter term will open at NCC on January 3, 1949. Pre-enrollment for students in Eugene is being held December 10-17.

January 16, 1949

Education Day will be January 16, 1949. On this day many congregations will give special attention to Christian Education at the college level. For Oregon congregations this means Northwest Christian College. Let us know if we can help you in any way. If there is anything you want to know about N.C.C. write and ask us. We have no secrets but we have a lot to talk about. Our business is telling the world about Christ Jesus in the most effective way we can so we want you to know about N.C.C.

To St. Louis

C. H. Addleman, State Secretary, left on the night of December 1 for St. Louis to attend the annual sessions of the State Secretaries Association and also of the State and Home Missions Planning Council. Hubert E. Sias, President of the State Board, will also attend this latter session. These are both democratic meetings and these men will get much good from them. C. F. Swander will be in the state office during the absence of Mr. Addleman.

Preachers Move

We started to write a paragraph of congratulation to ourselves on the fact that Oregon is less troubled with empty pulpits than most other states. That is true, thanks to N.C.C. But in looking over the list we note that since state convention 20 churches have been disturbed by moving preachers. That is an average of 4 per month. We believe in long pastorates. It would be a happy day for both church and preacher if the ministry, like lawyers and doctors, would settle in a community for life, moving only for especially good reason. Does this imply that preachers are moving without especially good reason? Many of them are. Most of them do. We hope that more will follow the example of Addleman and stay for 18 years or more. This is worth thinking over by both preachers and churches. Churches are as big sinners as preachers in this regard.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't

The colored film "The Church Cares for its Own," featuring our own Northwestern Christian Home at Beaverton, has been shown by your Field Representative at least 47 times since September 1 to audiences in all four of our area states, and also to the Home Family who enjoyed seeing themselves in the "movies." With the aid of Courtney Swander we hope to prepare a new film in technicolor during the Christmas holidays.

Special entertainment features at the Home in November included sound pictures presented several times by Mr. McCroskey, a series of readings by Mrs. Helen Smith, and music by Mrs. Frank Lambert. Chapel speakers during recent weeks have been Oscar Cooper, Vancouver; Ray Smith, Field Representative; Hiram Dawson, Englewood.

New Members

New members of the Family are Mrs. Alice Fadden, of McCamman, Idaho, who arrived on Thanksgiving Day, and Mrs. Talmadge, of Amity, Oregon, whose application has been approved for admission, but who had not yet arrived as of November 27. Mrs. Isabella F. Bunnell, of Seattle First Church, passed away November 2 following a long illness, and had been a resident of the Home for several years.

Mrs. Drollinger still suffers from the "stroke" that has kept her in bed for several months. Visitors from many churches have visited the Home in recent months, some bringing gifts of commodities that are accumulated for that purpose during the Thanksgiving season. Visitors, as well as the good things they bring, are always welcome.

Blotters

A large quantity of handy blotters containing next year's calendar have been prepared for distribution in the churches, and may be obtained by dropping a card to the Home indicating how many are needed. The Field Representative is finding an ever increasing interest in the Home and its opportunities for service as well as its needs. He is now on a trip through eastern Oregon, South Idaho and Eastern Washington, where he will have visited or shown the film in many of the churches in that area. Practically all are planning to give special attention to the "Christmas Offering for Benevolence."—Ray C. Smith, Field Representative.

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!



One Year of Crusading has already passed

Only Two More Years Left To Set And Reach Your Goals

The Crusade is progressing and it is growing. Kenneth Johnston, Dallas, is the state chairman in Oregon. There was a meeting of the State Executive Committee on November 30. Some plans were mapped out that are not yet sufficiently matured to announce. But Chairman Johnston will doubtless have something important to say in the near future. In the meantime, remember, It is Later Than You Think. If you have not set an accepted goal, do so now.

Youth Week

Youth Week this year comes January 30 to February 6. Its object is to help the youth of the Church to look more clearly into the responsibilities of youth in the kingdom of God. In its largest sense the week may be given over to the consideration and adoption of a program that will meet the needs of the local group. In its smallest sense it would call for the special observance of at least one of the Sundays with a special service. It is hoped that each youth group among us will plan for something between these two points at least. Helpful materials may be had by writing to the National Department, Missions Building, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

State Youth Committee

The State Youth Committee held a very profitable meeting at the State office in Portland on November 27. Present were Mrs. Rosemary Naff, Salem, Chairman; Miss Earline Rogers, Medford; Ralph Lambert, Kern Park (Portland); Vida Lee Willard, Eugene; Donna Lee Plymale, Lebanon; Mrs. Elsie Davis, Mallory Avenue (Portland); C. F. Swander, Portland; and Chas. H. Addleman, State Secretary-Director.

This committee is created by the State Educational Committee and is charged with the task of setting up and administering a state youth program. Their work is just being started for the current year but they decided definitely upon two projects—a series of youth fellowship meetings in the spring, and another youth planning conference later on. They will also assume a responsibility in promoting young peoples summer conferences. Their next meeting will be at Salem on December 27.

North Bend

The attendance at the Homecoming on November 7 was 134, the largest for many years. The average attendance the last year has been 83.5 as compared with 60.3 last year. Four young people are life recruits and will attend NCC soon. They are Ruth Newton, Stanley Carstensen, and Luedda Wright. L. T. Carstensen is the pastor and Chester C. Farr is the Superintendent.

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Notes From The State Secretary-Director's Diary

We will attempt to give you an account of our stewardship since assuming our work on October 18. I find my name does not adapt itself to travel like that of Brother Swander with his S-wanderings, so I will just have to call it "News from the Diary" until some better term is found.

We have spent some time in the office getting acquainted with the work, but much time has been spent in the field. Two sermons were preached at Kern Park, and one at the new Southeast Church in Portland, 1 at Bend, 2 at Redmond, 1 at Milwaukie, 1 at Court Street in Salem, 4 at Milton, 1 at Hermiston, 1 at Creswell, 1 at Springfield, and 1 radio message at Walla Walla, Washington. Assisted the Milwaukie Church in setting up a program to carry out the plan of the National Teaching Mission in their community. Assisted the church at Milton in a week of Visitation Evangelism and met with their committee heads on church planning. Attended the Educational Workshop in Springfield, 2 meetings of the State Educational Committee, 2 sessions of the Church Life Institute at Central in Portland, 2 meetings of the Oregon Temperance League, a business meeting of the Oregon Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Advance Conference, 2 meetings of the State Crusade Executive Committee, the Conference party at Salem, the district 90 and 9 rally at Kern Park in Portland, was a guest at 2 sessions of the CIO Convention, and was present at 2 seminars for labor and church leaders, the State Youth Committee and a conference with representatives from the college, men's work, women's work, youth work, state board work and Crusade work in Eugene. Held 14 special conferences with individuals representing many interests. Wrote 137 personal letters. Performed 1 wedding ceremony, conducted 2 funerals and assisted with one. Visited the evangelistic meeting at Madras and spoke at the Kiwanis Club. There were 16 confessions of faith and 7 by transfer in the churches visited. Remember, each one of you have a stewardship toward State Missions.

Kern Park

The church is now settled with their new pastor, George R. Whipple, recently at Nyssa. During November Bob Mulkey and Loren Arnett, local boys, filled the pulpit most satisfactorily. C. F. Swander supplied November 21 and 28. Attendance has held up remarkably well during the pastoral interim.

Offerings

CHURCHES: Central Oregon Assembly, \$57.30 (Designated for Burns); Coquille, \$65. 62; Corvallis, \$22.39; Creswell, \$12.72; Falls City, \$6; Kern Park, \$10.42; Klamath Falls, \$10; Nyssa, \$41.67; Pendleton, \$104.18; St. Helens, \$50; The Dalles, \$42.80; Tillamook, \$22.25; Yamhill, \$10. Total, \$437.35.

SCHOOLS: Astoria, \$22.30; Carlton, \$5; Dufur, \$50; Eugene First, \$203; Milwaukie, \$14.02; Pendleton, \$55.58; Silverton, \$85; Wasco, \$10. Total, \$444.90.

INDIVIDUALS: B. Ross Evans, \$5; C. F. Swander, \$30. Total, \$35.

The total offerings for the current budget is less than at the close of November last year. Remember, the current budget is considerably larger than last year. The work of state missions has been stepped up materially and the board has only the offerings to rely upon for support. Send all offerings to C. H. Addleman, state secretary, 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

Mrs. Horner Visits

Mrs. Jane Ellen Horner, youth director in the National Office, spent a very pleasant and profitable three hours on November 30 with Mr. Addleman, Mrs. Edna Burke, Mrs. Elsie Davis, and Mrs. Marjorie Moshier in the interest of the Youth work. It is not often a national worker comes this way and it is much appreciated when they do.

Superintendents

We wonder how many church school superintendents have been reading in the Bethany Church School Guide the articles on "The Job of The Superintendent," by N. F. Matthews, superintendent of the school at Winston-Salem, N. C. They began in the October issue and are still continuing in the December number. They are interesting and informative. Any superintendent who has missed these has missed something valuable. We advise you to go back and catch up. These articles alone are worth the subscription price of the magazine for the year. If your school isn't taking one or more copies of this journal you should do so.

Ministers Meet

The Ministers of the Portland area held their monthly breakfast meeting at the Y.M.C.A. Wednesday morning, December 1. They were honored with the presence of Grant Cole, McMinville, and Arnold Porter, Carlton. The meeting took the nature of reports from each one upon his work. It was profitable and interesting. Others present were Clay Pomeroy, president of the group, W. S. Crockett, Elery Parrish, Ralph Holcomb, James Earl Ladd, A. F. Van Slyke, Hiram Dawson, Glenn Warner, Walter Barnes, Howard Cole, and C. F. Swander.

Leadership Education

The three churches in Malheur County—Ontario, Nyssa and Vale—are entering into a leadership training school beginning December 12. Professor Wm. Siefke, of N.C.C., and Mrs. Marjorie Moshier, of Springfield, will assist. The school will be held at Ontario. Nearby churches of Idaho will be invited to participate. We shall watch this with interest.

SEASIDE—One added by transfer. John Schmid, pastor.

The North Willamette District Entertains

By Ed. P. Dewees

The first rally of the North Willamette district was held at Court Street church November 1, with 9 churches and 82 men in attendance. An excellent dinner was served by the Court Street ladies. The program was opened with a song service led by Don Leavitt. The "Ninety and Nine" and "Standing on the Promises" were sung and a get-acquainted parade was started during which every man had an opportunity to meet every other man. David Doerksen, a former boys' camper played a trumpet solo, accompanied by his mother. Walter Naff led a devotional service, giving the story of the hymn, "The Ninety and Nine," preceding prayer.

President Abe Friesen called the business meeting to order and Secretary Harry Vetter read the minutes. A district budget goal of \$1,500 was presented by Ed Cooley, chairman of the budget committee, and was adopted. A resolution passed commending the State Fair Board for refusing to allow concessions for the sale of beer and asking that the fair not be held over Sunday next year. State President Ike Bartel gave a challenge to every man with his responsibility to Christ in the face of the nation's crime toll. A report on the state work was given by the writer.

Inspirational talks were given by Errett Woods on "Self-Surrender," Tom Smith on "Prayer Life," Bob Chivers on "The Value of Camp Harmony Men's Retreat," and Earl Burke on "Faith and works." Dale Sherwood summarized their presentations and reminded all of the lesson of the vine and the branches. The meeting closed with "Blest Be The Tie that Binds," and benediction by Kenneth Johnston. The December 27 rally of the district will be held at Jefferson.

Yamhill Entertains

The November rally of Yamhill district was held at Yamhill on the 15th. The 93 men enjoyed a bountiful repast provided by the ladies and some negro spirituals by the Linfield College male quartet before moving to the auditorium for the program and business meeting. Ralph Putnam, host pastor, led the song service with Dr. Root at the piano. Brother Adamson gave the welcome address, followed by another group of songs by the Linfield quartet.

The business meeting was called to order by Ed Pratt after prayer. The report of the nominating committee was accepted, and L. V. Emmons, of Willamina, was unanimously elected president; Arnold Ledbetter, of McMinville, vice-president; L. M. Kaufman, of Sheridan, secretary-treasurer; and Wm. F. Morse, of Amity, pastor-adviser. Ike Bartel, state president, emphasized the opportunities and imperatives of the Ninety and Nine work. Wallace Jones gave a report of the evangelistic committee and announcement was made to the Carlton Church to help underwrite their budget for six months. An offering of \$61 was received toward the district budget.

Coast Men Meet

A Coast District rally was held at Seaside on Friday, November 12, with 28 men present. Dale Sherwood, Willamette area pastor-adviser, led the singing and John Schmid, local pastor, brought the message. Other state officers attending were President Ike Bartel, Vice-President Arnold Ledbetter, and Wm. F. Morse, pastor-adviser

for the Northern Area. A. J. Swett, the only district president elected to the state legislature, presided, and a goal of \$300 was set for the state budget—an increase of \$100 over last year's goal. Tillamook will be host to the next district meeting on January 14.

Vernonia Men Hosts

The Ninety and Niners of Vernonia Church held a meeting on November 12, beginning with a dinner of stew and plenty of accessories (all male kitchen crew, too). A program followed in the auditorium with Brother Anderson, pastor, leading the singing. L. L. Wells led in prayer and Gerald Tichenor, of NCC, sang three solo numbers. Brother Wells gave a word of welcome to visitors and stated the purpose of the local men's group. He extended an invitation to each man to be present in the regular services of the church and then introduced your reporter who, in turn, presented Floyd Shaw, Northwest District President, and Earl Noble, district treasurer.

An award certificate for the Turner Boys' Camp (first week) was presented to Jerry Herrin, of the Vernonia Church. The certificate had been neatly framed by the men. The camp theme song, "Every Day With Jesus," was sung in Jerry's honor. A talk on the purpose and Work of the Ninety and Nine followed. The pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

South Willamette Rally

Attendance at the second rally of the South Willamette District held at Lebanon on November 22 was 121, almost double that of the first meeting in August. The Berean Society of the church served the dinner. The song service was led by Jim Fraley, of Brownsville, and Harvey Duerksen, president of the local Ninety and Nine gave the address of welcome. Effie York and Bonita Johnson sang a duet preceding the prayer service conducted by Dr. T. M. White. Donna Lee Plymale played a trumpet solo.

E. W. Blehm presided over the business meeting and admonished the district officers to enlarge their vision when the supply of individual offering envelopes failed to equal the number present. Even so an offering of \$90 was given to the district budget. The invitation of Corvallis was accepted for the January 24 rally.

Wm. Siefke presented Elery Parrish as guest speaker following a song. He brought a powerful sermon on the place of prayer in the Christian life. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer by all in unison.

Northwest District

The new officers of the Northwest District were installed at the regular rally at Kern Park on November 22. Hiram Dawson, of Englewood, conducted the installation service, and there were 214 in attendance. The ladies furnished an excellent dinner.

Bob Pfeiffer, of Central Church led the song service. Arnold Ledbetter, vice-president of the Northern Area, made a short talk regarding state work, and local officers reported on work of their groups. A recommendation was made by the St. Johns group that a fund be started for the purchase of another automobile to be used by the field and boys' work secretary. This was an answer to the challenge given at the state convention by Ed Reasor, a former state president. After discussion such a fund was started with pledges and offerings of \$150, and

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Women's Day for Missions Observed

By Mrs. Edna L. Burke

Women's Day observance in the churches of Oregon was spread out over several Sundays. For years the first Sunday in December has been designated as Women's day when the missionary women take charge and provide the program. Because of the difficulty in securing speakers some observed Sunday, November 28, some December 5 and others December 12. The Byerlees, Hattie Mitchell, Mrs. Menzies, Dr. Don McGavran, your state secretary, and president and some of the other state officers have been kept busy trying to supply the need for speakers.

The Missionary society of the Corvallis church acted as hostess to other societies in that district on Wednesday September 10. The officers of the visiting groups were presented with lovely corsages by the Corvallis women. Delegations were present from Brownsville, Lebanon, Albany, Junction City, and Jefferson, total attendance about 135. A bounteous pot luck dinner at noon was enjoyed by all. Following the dinner, Mrs. Jessie Smith, Corvallis society president, introduced the new pastor, Mr. Payne, who brought a message of greeting and welcome. Your state secretary stressed the Crusade, world needs, open doors and our responsibility.

On November 11-13, the writer and Mrs. Ola Smith, state president, met with the Washington Women's state board in their semi-annual retreat, held this year at the recently acquired camp grounds at Hick's Lake, near Olympia. This purchase is the third for the "Washington churches, thus providing permanent meeting places for summer conferences, retreats and church picnics. The others are Zephyr Lodge near Spokane and Naches camp near Yakima.

The meeting at Hick's Lake was a success from many angles, — fellowship, inspiration and information. Mrs. Hattie Menzies was present as the resource leader. She brought several fine messages on India. Other missionary speakers were Miss Katherine Schutze from White Swan Christian Indian Mission; Malcom Norment, former missionary in Ascuncion, Paraguay who with Mrs. Norment will become the directors of the White Swan Mission January 1. Miss Schutze has been called to Indianapolis, to take over the National directorship of Business and professional women's Guilds. She begins her new work the first of the year. Mrs. Effie Pickett, state treasurer of the Washington Women's society, a former missionary to the Philippines, was also present. To have been associated with all these wonderful saints of God was a rich experience.

A team composed of Hattie Mitchell, Catherine Saunders and Mrs. Burke spent November 18, 19 visiting and holding rallies in the Coquille and Myrtle Point churches. Missionary projects, the Crusade and missions in the Belgian Congo were presented. Hattie's messages were especially well received.

Dr. Don McGavran was guest speaker for the morning service in Eugene First church, November 21. "For altogether too long missions have been considered a luxury. Until Christian people begin to think of, and support, missionary work as an essential, personnel, funds and materials for such work will continue to be inadequate," said Dr. McGavran. "Christian mis-

sions is not merely the giving of a cup of cold water but the digging of wells from which spring the Living Water. The world needs to be put into life giving touch with the Source of power and love. The church does not realize the pinnacle of power to which God has raised our nation. Only one in 5,000 church people is sent to the foreign mission field." How can the world be won to Christ at that rate? The Buddhists, Communists and Catholics are really on the job. It is time for Protestants to wake up or it may be too late.

Begin now to make plans for the new year. The Week of Compassion observance and offerings will come February 20-27. The amount contributed to the Week of Compassion counts on your Crusade goal. The National goal is \$500,000.00, the same as last year. We exceeded the goal last year by contributing \$582,467.74 for relief and reconstruction in the war-torn countries of Europe and Asia. What do these gifts do? They buy clothing and blankets for those who have no covering to protect them from the 30 degree below zero winter; they buy ink and paper from which Bibles can be printed; they buy food and fuel for thousands of unfortunate people; they furnish guided Christian leadership for yesterday's tyrannical inspired youth, bringing them Christ instead of Hitler, Christianity instead of Shintoism; they buy medicines and Sulfa drugs; they rebuild churches torn down by ravages of war; they do all of these things and more. Our gifts are getting there. Letters of heartrending gratitude reach the Week of Compassion office daily. We are being urged not to wait until February but to send in gifts designated to the Week of Compassion before December 15. Many lives will thus be saved. Some will not survive until February 27. Every penny designated for the Week of Compassion goes to Church World Service, an organization in charge of dispensing funds thus designated. Not one cent is used to pay salaries, or goes into the treasury of any church or missionary agency. The address of the western office is; 83 McAllister, San Francisco. Packages may be sent to this address but cash should go through the regular church channels.

During the Foreign Missions Advance Conference held in Portland, November 9, Miss Margaret Lawrence, missionary on furlough from China made these statements: "The Christians in China are entering into the Crusade. They have little economic security but they are tithing. They have pledged themselves to bring at least one soul to Christ each year; each church plans to carry on evangelistic meetings, lay leaders assisting the pastors. Ten thousand won to Christ in the next five years is their goal. The classrooms are jammed with students; many volunteering for full time Christian service but they must first be trained. The great problem is funds for scholarships.

"Many Protestant churches are self supporting but are weak. They need help. Ever since our work was begun by Dr. Macklin in 1886, China has been more or less in upheaval. At first there were no churches, hospitals or schools. We now have hospitals in Nantungchow and Hofei and share in the great University of Nanking hospital with the Methodist and Presby-

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Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

From the large amount of missions material that comes to my desk each month it is a real task to choose that to be used in the limited space in my column. We trust that the missionaries realize that I do my best. No doubt, to each one, his own work is just about the most important; and that is as it should be. But to me it is all important; and I can only attempt to relate briefly that which seems to be the most needed, or which seems to be the most "newsworthy" at the moment.

China

William Oliver Rees and Melba Palmer are taking language study in Kunming, China, where they have resided at the Morse Mission Home. They are planning to start a new work in southern Yunnan Province where the gospel has never been preached. They have secured the services of a new forwarding secretary, Mrs. Rozelle Henry, 1512 Columbia Street, Eugene, Oregon. Any funds for William and Melba should be sent to her.

Burma

C. W. and Lois Callaway, who had laid plans to start a work in Burma, have found it impossible to get government permission. So they are going to work in western China. Writing from Rangoon Brother Callaway says: "After struggling throughout the four months we have been in Burma to obtain the sanction of the government for the work, we proposed here we were recently informed finally and definitely that our desire could not be granted. Inasmuch as the Burmese Embassy in London (after similar prayerful efforts during the time of our studies there) had granted us an entrance visa to Burma we were here offered as a consolation prize—the opportunity of working in the Bhamo district of Burma if we would agree to merge in with one of the denominational mission societies which the government has recognized and allowed to work in that area. The societies working in that sector are the American Baptist Mission (Northern Baptists), Roman Catholics, and apparently a small group of Swedish and Finnish Pentecostals." The Callaways felt they could not work in Burma under the circumstances. By the way, I wish you could all read Lois Callaway's article in their recent paper entitled, "A Ramble Through Rangoon". It is tremendously interesting.

Missionary Stricken

The following quotation is a telegram appearing in the November 27 Christian Standard: "Osaka via PRE WI, November 21—Ruth Schoonover suffered serious paralytic stroke. Prayers needed. Churches need to rush \$1,300 to save church in Tanabe. More for medical expense. Funds must be made payable to me. Harold W. Cole." Ruth Schoonover will be remembered as having worked with Grace Farnham in the Mashabi Mission before the war. Due to climatic conditions she had not returned to Tokyo after the war, but had opened the Kyushu Christian Mission on the island of Kyushu, in the extreme south of Japan. We are sorry to hear of her illness, and trust the brethren will come to her aid with prayers and finances in this critical emergency.

Japan

In the Mabashi News, received just yesterday, we note that Grace Farnham reports the baptism recently of three young men in the Tama River. The Mabashi Church, started before the

war, has been revived and 15 meetings are held each week. Grace writes: "We can use any amount of relief supplies. We have given only to a few of the many in need. Old clothing does not last long so we must give again to our church people. We need children's shoes (please repair them), also all kinds of children's clothes. People are happy with feed sacks which they can use for underwear and sheets and night clothes. We need outing for baby clothes. Some people need winter coats. Low heel shoes are in demand, especially the small sizes... We also need powdered milk for babies. There is one store where Americans can buy, but we cannot buy for the Japanese. If we did everything would soon be sold out. I share my things, however with the sick babies."

Batang

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis R. Back, in a letter written from Batang last spring, but which only recently reached us from their forwarding agent, J. Wycliffe Busch, Kimberlin Heights, Tennessee, write: "The people are very kind-hearted and so good to us; one learns to love them in such a short time. It puts a feeling in your heart that you would like to spend your whole life trying to show them a better way of living. There are so many that have never heard the name of Jesus, and we hope and pray that it will be possible before it is too late." Mrs. Back writes: "We have taken a little Tibetan boy, Trinsing, just a little larger than Dale, to live with us. He has had a very sad life, for his own mother died when he was a tiny baby, and his step-mother does not want him, so he came here. When I see all these poor little ragged, dirty, naked children I want to gather them up in my arms and care for them. Note: (Trinsing will need support. Would you like to help?)"

Jane Kinnett

On September 5, Jane Kinnett wrote an interesting letter from Likiang, Yunnan, telling of her journey that far from Kunming on the way to join Isabel Dittmore at Ai-Wa, and of her prospects for the future. She writes: "This will be a new kind of life for me. As I can see it from here, it will be a life of serving the people, of witnessing, teaching and preaching among those who are begging to hear the gospel. I cannot write of definite plans, for I must first arrive on the scene, I feel I can say this much, that I'll be Mrs. Dittmore's co-worker, and together we will teach and preach (I will continue with language study). I'm buying a horse in Likiang since Mrs. Dittmore has one. Then we can travel together from village to village. Pray for us as we labor together in this greatest of all tasks, that of winning souls for the kingdom of heaven."

Eleanor Still wrote from Hauula, Oahu, T. H. in October, telling of two recent baptisms and five added by transfer. Carl Zehrung is starting a new work in a suburb of Anchorage, Alaska. He does not yet have living link support.

The Half-Way Mark

December 31 marks the half-way point of the missionary year. The United Society reports that the offerings have shown an increase over last year. December will determine whether the record keeps up for the half year. Be sure you get your offerings in.

NORTH WILLAMETTE

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the matter was referred to the local churches and district officers for further action. Other districts will be asked to share in the project. Offerings and pledges for the regular district budget amounted to \$192. C. F. Swander was the honored guest speaker of the evening and his message added an additional note of inspiration to a fine meeting. The January 24 meeting will be held at the Central Christian Church.

Culver Revival

The Central Oregon district met for a dinner and business meeting at Culver on November 22, the opening night of an evangelistic meeting led by Wendell Herbison, minister at Redmond. In the business meeting, Ike Bartel, state president, and Martin Kulowatz, evangelistic chairman, spoke on the objectives of the Ninety and Nine men. The evangelistic service followed with the men joining in the service. Wayne Osborne is pastor of the Culver Church.

Eugene First

Just to insure that November 22 was well taken care of the Ninety and Nine Brotherhood of the Eugene First Church held their meeting on that date. A good group attended the pot-luck supper and business meeting at which plans were discussed for a more aggressive program. Talks on the Ninety and Nine work were given by your reporter on the state program, by Ross J. Griffith on the district work, and by Hugh McCallum on the local objectives. President Vic Hershiser was continued in office. David Harkness, new president of the McKenzie district, asked for a good representation at the district rally at Coburg, December 20.

St. Johns Banquet

The first monthly meeting of the fall schedule of the St. Johns Ninety and Nine was held November 17 with 75 men and young men present. The Women's Council served a turkey dinner following which a program was presented in the church sanctuary. Jim Bloyd led songs accompanied by Dod Berg. Wilbur Lewis led in prayer and Bill Bish and Earl Moore sang a duet. Darrell Bergan received a full scholarship award certificate from the Turner Boys' Camp (second week). A short business meeting was conducted by D. S. Swart, local president, preceding the introduction of C. F. Swander as guest speaker. Howard Cole, pastor, gave the benediction.

Salem First

Bids for construction of the new building have been called for. A Children's Church, for children between ages 6-12, with a communion service is being held. They will study "The Church." 38 were present the first Sunday. They have also launched a Church Night School. There are four classes—"The Bible", "Leadership Training", "Christian Family Life", and "Church Officers and Leaders". Dudley Strain is pastor.

Toledo

The new building is completed and was dedicated November 14. Milton Faxon is the pastor. This has been a long, hard pull for the church, but the goal has been reached at last.

WOMEN'S DAY

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terians. This hospital largely staffed by Christian doctors, was a haven during the recent World War. The University of Nanking is one of the finest universities in all of China. Our Christian Girl's school and Nanking Girl's school are rated as two of the five best in China today. We have 19 organized churches, 52 meeting places; 265 added by baptism last year, mostly young people. Leadership is largely in the hands of Chinese.

"The church is standing as a light in China today. It is not very bright. Is it going on or is it going to fade out and be supplanted by Communism or something else? It depends upon you." Yes, it does depend upon the church here at home. What are we going to do about it?

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mallory Avenue

The Church is having a ten weeks series of week night fellowship and educational meetings. There will be classes on "Our Home," "Our Youth," "Our Children," "Our Bible," and "Our Future Choir." All are under competent leadership. Hubert E. Sias is pastor.

Woodburn

Donald D. Priest, Canby, started in as supply minister, but the sample was so good they called him permanently. There have been 10 baptisms and 8 other additions since beginning. Mid-week service is growing with attendance at 50% of the congregation. What church can beat that?

Vernonia

The church will celebrate their 25th anniversary on January 14 with C. H. Addleman, state secretary, as the principal speaker. The church joined in a union Thanksgiving service. The pastor, G. Wm. Anderson, has been asked to direct an all-church Christmas cantata. They hope to have 40 voices.

LaGrande

Gene Robinson, pastor, held a week of meetings at Camas, Washington, in November with 11 additions. He was absent from his pulpit one Sunday and C. F. Swander supplied for him. The work is progressing and looking toward a new building. Mrs. Robinson was just recovering from an attack of pneumonia. She is on her feet again now.

St. Johns

The Ninety Nine class, under the leadership of Dr. Swart, staged a men's supper meeting with an attendance of 78. C. F. Swander brought the message. Howard C. Cole is pastor.

Burns

There have been 3 baptisms and one other added since last report. There is 1 confession not yet baptized. They are rejoicing in being able to use the basement of their new building; and also in the generous response to their appeal in the last issue of the O-C. They still need money if there are those so inclined. Lloyd Whitford is pastor.

LEBANON—Lynton Elwell has been called and is now on the field. We welcome him back to the state after a sojourn outside.

Please Observe

Inasmuch as Chas. H. Addleman, State Secretary-Director, plans to spend much time in the field it will be a very great accommodation to him and his office secretary if you will make all checks payable to The Oregon Christian Missionary Convention instead of to him personally. Then the office secretary can bank all checks in his absence without waiting for his return to endorse them. Also, PLEASE REMEMBER, to note on the check just what it is for. The office secretary will be absolutely new and cannot read your minds (as has been the case very largely in the past years). There are 8 different accounts in our office book-keeping. If a remittance gets into the wrong account it will not be used as you intended. There is the State Missions Account, the Centennial Account, the Permanent Fund Account, the Oregon Christian Account, The Educational Account, the Youth Account, the Convention Account, and the account with the Joint Board. Please designate the use you want made of your checks.

Pendleton

Meeting with E. R. Moon, November 7-21, resulted in 2 confessions, 8 transfers. Four confessions November 28; a total of 19 added since our last report. O. D. Harris, pastor.

Medford

Holly Roy Jarvis began his ministry here October 24. Miss Loma Mae Jones is church secretary and minister's associate. A reception honoring the Jarvis family and Miss Jones was held November 9 with a large attendance. Eight added by statement in November.

Milton

C. H. Addleman, state secretary, led in a visitation campaign November 14-21. There were 8 confessions and 3 by statement, besides many new contacts. Russell Myers, pastor.

Madras

There were 2 baptisms and 3 others added in a meeting by Gene and Verna Chamberlain. This is a growing field in a new irrigation section. Ronald Nowlin is the pastor.

Sheridan

B. Ross Evans closed a meeting on November 21 with 5 confessions, 4 by statement and 4 reconsecrations. Geo. B. Forrester is the pastor. Brother Evans began at Walton on November 28.

Portland Central

There were 20 baptisms and 38 by statement during August this year as against 9 and 23 the same month last year. There has also been growth in attendance. James Earl Ladd, pastor.

NYSSA—Has called Don Maxfield as pastor to succeed George Whipple. He is on the field and all are happy in the relationship.

Christmas

The Christmas offering (December 21) is for the Beaverton Home. The Home is full to capacity and these offerings provide bread and butter for the guests. What would you do if your father or mother were in such a Home? You'd help to make a big offering, wouldn't you? Christian love demands that we shall do as much for all aged people who are dependent on their brethren. Make the offering large and send it to The Northwestern Christian Home, Beaverton, Oregon.

Donald Lamb

A sudden stroke took Donald Lamb in a few hours at his home near Yamhill on November 10. The service was held at McMinnville and the interment was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Portland. He leaves a wife and two children. His church membership was at Yamhill and Ralph Putman, pastor, conducted the service.

Preachers Parliament

Pastors, reserve January 25-27, 1949 as a most important date. The annual parliament will be held in Eugene and the guest speaker will be Dean E. Walker, Professor of Church History at Butler University.

North American Convention

The next meeting of the North American Convention will be held at Joplin, Missouri, March 16-20, 1949. Ard Hoven is the president. There will doubtless be a delegation from Oregon.

Attending Butler

Truman C. Robbins is attending Butler University and preaching at Worthington, Indiana. He lives at this place. He writes that there are about 25 Oregon students at Butler.

ALBANY

There were 13 additions to the church during November and 5 in October. I enjoy reading the reports of other churches. Orville F. Mick, pastor.

MOLALLA

Four additions by transfer of membership during November. Completed plans for the new building have been received from D. L. Harden, architect. Dick Owen, pastor.

PIPE LINE BROKEN

We have word from Turner that the water pipe serving the Turner grounds has broken where it crosses the river. This is one of the hazards incurred in trying to keep the camp ground modern. It will be repaired as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVES RETREAT

There will be a weekend retreat for the denominational executives of the state at Camp Magruder, near Bar View, on Saturday and Sunday, December 18-19. The theme of the meet will be "A Protestant Strategy for Oregon." C. H. Addleman will attend and he has a place on the program.

SUPPLY MINISTRY

C. F. Swander closed his ministry as state secretary on October 18. He has remained in the office, and will remain until December 31. His field work for the State Board closed with his retirement from the secretaryship. He will be ready for supply work as there may be opportunity. His Sunday time has already been fully occupied. Those desiring his services will please address him at 5921 S. E. Hawthorne, Portland 15.